

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Masaru NORO et al.

Group Art Unit: 3751

Application No.: 10/637,607

Examiner:

K. HUYNH

Filed: August 11, 2003

Docket No.: 116503

For:

**BATHING AID** 

## COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT AND APPLICANTS' SEPARATE RECORD FOR TELEPHONE INTERVIEWS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative during the April 4 and April 12, 2006, telephone interviews with Examiner Huynh. The following is Applicants' separate record of the telephone interview.

Applicants agreed with a substantial portion of the Examiner's Amendment included in the April 17, 2006, Notice of Allowance, which Amendment was based on the telephone interviews mentioned above. Specifically, Applicants agreed to the Examiner's Amendment of claims 3 and 6, the Specification, and the cancellation of claims 1, 10 and 11. However, it is respectfully submitted that the amendment to claim 4, when read in context with the Application, does not clearly recite the particular feature of the claim and was not agreed to. Although the Amendment uses the same language correctly used in claims 3 and 6, it conveys an improper impression when used in claim 4.

The feature would be clearer if it correctly recited: "The bathing aid according to claim 3, wherein at least one wheel of the set of wheels is located inward of either sidewall of the bathtub."

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